

**LANGUE VIVANTE I****Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe****ANGLAIS****Women's rights are human rights**

I would like to thank the secretary general of the united nations for inviting me to be part of the United Nations' fourth world conference on women. We come together in fields and in factories, in village markets and supermarkets, in living rooms and board rooms. Whether it is while playing with our children in the park or washing clothes in a river, or taking a break at the office water cooler, we come together and talk about our aspirations and concerns.

It is conferences like this that compel governments and people everywhere to listen, look and face the world's most pressing problems. What we are learning around the world is that if women are healthy and educated, their families will flourish. If women are free from violence, their families will flourish. If women have the chance to work and earn as full and equal partners in society, their families will flourish. And when families flourish, communities and nations will flourish. That is why every woman every man, every child, every family and every nation in our planet has a stake in the discussion that takes place here.

The great challenge of this conference is to give voice to women everywhere whose experience go unnoticed, whose words go unheard. Women are the primary caretakers for most of the world's children and elderly. Yet most of the work we do is not valued, not by the popular culture, not by the government leaders. At this very moment, as we sit here, women around the world are giving birth, raising children, cooking meals, washing clothes, cleaning houses, planting crops, working on assembly lines running companies and running countries. Women are also dying from diseases that should have been prevented or treated; they are watching their children succumb to malnutrition caused by poverty and deprivation; they are being denied the right to go to school by their own families; they are being forced into prostitution, and they are being barred from the bank lending office and banned from the ballot box..

As long as discrimination and inequities remain so commonplace around the world – as long as girls and women are valued less, fed less, overworked, underpaid, not schooled and subjected to violence in and out of their homes, the potential of the human family to create a peaceful, prosperous world will not be realized.

Thank you very much!

Adapted from Women's rights are human rights, a famous speech by Hillary rodham

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (08 pts)

A. Find in the indicated paragraphs the equivalents of the words in column A. Put your answers in column B (2.5 pts)

Column A	Column B
To force someone (Par.2)	1
A special interest (Par 2)	2
Urgent (Par 2)	3
To be excluded (Par 3)	4
Normal, familiar (Par 4)	5

B. There are categories of women in the text. Identify them by matching items in columns A and B (01.5 pts)

6-... playing with our children in the park	a- Housewife in rural area
7-... washing clothes in a river	b- Housewife in urban area
8-... taking a break at the office water cooler	c- Civil rights activist
	d- Urban professional

Answers (letters, please): 6__ 7__ 8__

C. Women are very busy! Their situation is summarized by one word in the last paragraph. Indicate it in the table : (01 pt)

“Women are raising children, cooking meals, washing clothes, cleaning houses, planting crops, working on assembly lines, running companies and running countries.”
Answer: _____ (9)

D. Women’s rights are often are denied. Illustrate it by quoting passages in paragraph 3: (02 pts)

Rights denied	
Economic opportunity	10.
Civil rights	11.
Social protection	12.
Access to education	13.

Complete this sentence coherently with another one from the last paragraph : (01 pt)

Unless women are given equal opportunity as men, (14) _____

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II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 pts)

A. Hillary Rodham Clinton is being interviewed after the conference. Complete the conversation meaningfully. Some of the words are given! (2 pts)

Journalist : Good morning Mrs. Clinton.

Hillary : Good morning!

Journalist : Would you mind (15)_____ **(to tell)** me about the issues that matter most in the lives of women and their families?

Hillary : Yes, in a nutshell, there's systematic (16)_____ **(denied- denial-deny)** of basic human rights education, health care, jobs and credit.

Journalist : Which one of them is the (17)_____ **(less-least-lesser)** acceptable? And give us your reasons!

Hillary: (18)_____

Journalist : Thank you so much for accepting to answer.

Hillary : Thanks for having me.

B. Women face a variety of issues that could be solved by governments and international institutions. For each of the following situations, make a recommendation using the prompt given. (2 pts)

Situation: Women are also dying from diseases that should have been prevented or treated.

Recommendation: The World Health Organization should (19) _____

Situation: Women are watching their children succumb to malnutrition caused by poverty.

Recommendation: Governments must (20) _____

C. Complete this passage with the right forms of the words in brackets (02 pts)

Violence against women is a burning issue in Senegal. We cannot deny the (21)_____ (serious) of the worldwide phenomenon, but it can also be solved provided there is political (22)_____ (commit). Indeed, it is up to governments to (23) _____ (strength) existing legislation and take strong action to come to terms with the problem. Furthermore, women should be given more legal (24) _____ (assist) to protect their rights.

III. WRITING Choose on topic and write about 250 words (06 pts)

TOPIC 1: Many women throughout the world are experiencing domestic violence. Identify the causes and the consequences of this phenomenon and suggest solutions.

TOPIC 2: One of your sisters is undergoing cruel treatment in her marriage. She writes to ask you which attitude to adopt. Write a letter to advise her.

TOPIC 3: "No woman deserves to be raped. All perpetrators of sexual violence should be sentenced to ten years of imprisonment" says your best friend, but you disagree. Write your conversation.